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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2002, please enter the following amendments. A version of the amendments with markings to indicate additions and deletions to the amended subject matter is also included below.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

- Then, the compare part 3 compares the time stamp read at the step 21 with the timer time acquired at the step 22 (step 23), and when the timer time is identical to or larger than the time stamp, the playback control part 4 starts playing and